

**JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**  
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners  
770 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2019  
May 14, 2019  
Scheduled Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

John S. Meigs Jr., MD, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm on May 14, 2019.

Joint Committee members present:

Valorie Dearmon, DNP, RN, NEA-BC  
Sheila Lopez, CNM  
Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP  
Julia Boothe, MD, MPH, FAAFP, CMD  
John S. Meigs Jr., MD  
Dick Owens, MD (left at 7:17 pm; returned at 7:20 pm)

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, NE-BC, MSN, MSHA, RN  
Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice  
Honor Ingels, Chief Policy Officer, Chief Communication Officer  
Sharon Owen, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

William Perkins, Associate Executive Director  
Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant  
Amy Wybenga, CRNP, Nurse Practitioner Consultant

Joint Committee Visitors

Don Williamson, MD, President of the Alabama Hospital Association

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared with three nurse members and three physician members present.

**3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Prior notice of meeting was posted on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On May 14, 2019, hearing no objection, the Joint Committee adopted the Agenda as presented to include the modifications for Amended Item 7G and Item 8.

## 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On May 14, 2019, Dick Owens, MD, moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of March 19, 2019, with recommended changes. Julia Boothe, MD, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Collaborative Practice FTE Limits

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve proposed revisions to the following sections regarding changes to Collaborative Practice FTE Limits.

- 610-X-5-.04 Qualifications for physicians in collaborative practice with certified registered nurse practitioners.
- 610-X-5-.05 Limitations upon utilization of certified registered nurse practitioners.
- 610-X-5-.15 Qualification for physicians in collaborative practice with certified nurse midwives.
- 610-X-5-.16 Limitations upon utilization of certified nurse midwives

**On May 14, 2019**, Julia Boothe, MD, moved that the Joint Committee table this request for further discussion. Sheila Lopez, CNM, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### B. Collaborative Practice Protocol Management

The Joint Committee members were requested to determine the use/distribution of a PowerPoint to increase physician and CRNP/CNM understanding of the use of the standard protocol and QA monitoring in collaborative practice.

On May 14, 2019, Peggy Benson, Executive Officer for the ABN, advised she would provide the PowerPoint currently developed to BME staff. It may then be used in future education materials for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants as the BME sees fit.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Annual Skills Review for CRNP/CNM

The Joint Committee members were requested to review the list of procedures which require special consideration or are "not allowed" in collaborative practice and provide recommendations to the Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners regarding realignment of skills to standard or specialty protocols or to continue as listed.

On May 14, 2019, Dick Owens, MD, moved that the Joint Committee approve the list of procedures which require special consideration or are "not allowed" in collaborative practice as presented. Julia Boothe, MD, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### B. Limited Protocol – Acute Care Facilities

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve adoption of limited protocol – acute care facilities.

On May 14, 2019, the motion before the Joint Committee members was to approve adoption of limited protocol – acute care facilities. The motion failed due to lack of majority vote, receiving three votes in favor and three votes opposed.

### C. Limited Protocol – Long Term Care Facilities

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve adoption of limited protocol – long term care facilities.

On May 14, 2019, Julia Boothe, MD, moved that the Joint Committee approve adoption of limited protocol – long term care facilities. Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### D. Request for FTE Expansion Boyde Jerome Harrison, MD

The Joint Committee members were requested to consider request from Boyde Jerome Harrison, MD, for expansion of FTE allowance for long term care facilities.

On May 14, 2019, Sheila Lopez, CNM, moved that the Joint Committee approve the request from Boyde Jerome Harrison, MD, for expansion of FTE allowance for long term care facilities. Dick Owens, MD, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### E. Limited Protocol – Rural Emergency Department

The Joint Committee members were requested to approve adoption of limited protocol – rural emergency department.

Donald Williamson, MD, President of the Alabama Hospital Association, presented the proposed limited protocol for the use of CRNPs and PAs in rural emergency departments and answered questions from the Joint Committee members.

On May 14, 2019, Dick Owens, MD, moved that the Joint Committee approve the concept of the limited protocol – rural emergency department. Valorie Dearmon, DNP, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

F. Limited Protocol – Medically Underserved Areas

The Joint Committee members considered adoption of limited protocol – medically underserved areas.

On May 14, 2019, Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, moved that the Joint Committee approve adoption of Limited Protocol – Medically Underserved Areas restricting applicants to APRNs seeking employment in the urgent care setting, in the geographic HPSA with a limit of 8:1 FTE ratio. Sheila Lopez, CNM, seconded. The motion failed due to lack of majority vote, receiving three votes in favor and three votes opposed.

G. Implementation of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact

The Joint Committee members were presented with proposed revisions to the following:

- 610-X-5-.03 Qualifications for approval to practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner.
- 610-X-5-.07 Authorization for practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner.
- 610-X-5-.13 Reinstatement of lapsed approval for practice as a certified registered nurse practitioner.
- 610-X-5-.14 Qualifications for approval as a certified nurse midwife.
- 610-X-5-.18 Authorization for practice as a certified nurse midwife.
- 610-X-5-.24 Reinstatement of lapsed approval for practice as a certified nurse midwife.

On May 14, 2019, Dick Owens, MD, moved that the Joint Committee members approved proposed revisions to the Advanced Practice rules to comply with the new requirements and responsibilities attendant to operating as a Party State to the Compact. Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by April 22, 2019, for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of April 22, 2019, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

**ACTION REQUESTED:** No action needed.

**B. Applications for Full Review**

The applications for 'Full Review' include Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians.

**1. Item 1-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations and/or**

Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

On May 14, 2019, Valorie Dearmon, DNP, moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote locations and/or covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Item 1-3 as listed on the roster. Dick Owens, MD, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**C. Items 2-4 thru 7-4, Collaborative Practice Application which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid.**

ITEM #	APP TYPE	LICENSE #	NURSE NAME	PHYSICIAN NAME	LICENSE #	APPLICATION DATE
2-4	Initial	1-092824	Alison Rudd	Ladonna Crews	MD20046	4/5/2019
3-4	Add New	1-110245	Amy Dunson	Spencer Coleman	MD14136	12/27/2018
4-4	Add New	1-107291	Nelly Carmichael	John Tuten	MD15351	1/24/2019
5-4	Add New	1-114072	Michael Grier	Madhav Devani	MD32637	2/6/2019
6-4	Add New	1-131922	Mallory Roberson	Theodros Mengesha	MD28347	4/5/2019
7-4	Add New	1-137077	Heather Combs	Igor Legostaev	MD35214	4/5/2019

On May 14, 2019, Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, moved that the Joint Committee deny and withdraw consideration of complete Collaborative Practice Applications which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid, excluding Items 3-4 and 4-4 for which physician fee was received. Dick Owens, MD, seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS****A. ARHA Rural Practitioner of the Year 2019 – John S. Meigs, Jr., MD**

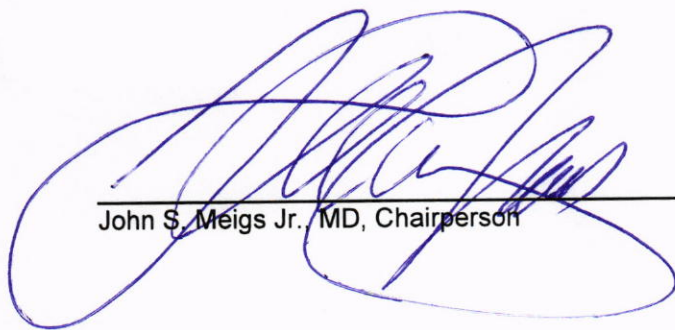
Dawn Daniel, ABN Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice, recognized John S. Meigs, Jr., MD, as having been awarded the 2019 ARHA Rural Practitioner of the Year Award.

**10. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners located at 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, moved for adjournment. Dick Owens, MD, seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm on May 14, 2019.



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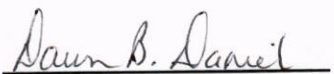
John S. Meigs Jr., MD, Chairperson

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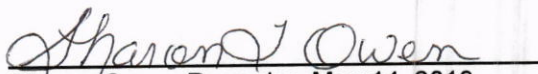
Date of Approval

Submitted by:



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Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN  
Alabama Board of Nursing



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Sharon Owen, Recorder, May 14, 2019  
Alabama Board of Nursing